(2) MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated 18th March 1952, from His Excellency the Governor :—

' (1) In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (3) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1952.'

' (2) In pursuance of Article 207, Clause (3) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Consolidated Fund (Withdrawal of Moneys) Bill, 1952.' "

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION BILL, 1952 (L.A. BILL NO. 1 OF 1952) (AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY).

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

' *That the Madras Appropriation Bill*, 1952 (*L.A. Bill No.* 1 *of* 1952), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly and transmitted to the Council be taken into consideration at once.*"

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Motion moved—

' That the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1952), as passed by the Legislative Assembly and transmitted to the Council be taken into consideration at once.' "

" Is not the Hon. Minister for Finance making any statement explaining the Bill? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Statement of Objects and Reasons explains briefly why the Bill is necessary."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

' That the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1952), as passed by the Legislative Assembly and transmitted to the Council be taken into consideration.' "

The motion was carried.

Clause 2 was put and carried.

The Schedule was put and carried.

Clause 1 was put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the Madras Appropriation Bill*, 1952 (*L.A. Bill No.* 1 *of* 1952), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly and transmitted to the Council be read a third time and passed.*' "

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MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The question is—

' That the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1952), as passed by the Legislative Assembly and transmitted to the Council be read a third time and passed.' "

The motion was carried.

(2) THE MADRAS CONSOLIDATED FUND (WITHDRAWAL OF MONEYS) BILL, 1952 (L.A. BILL NO. 2 OF 1952) (AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY).

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

'That the Madras Consolidated Fund (Withdrawal of Moneys), Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1952), as passed by the Legislative Assembly and transmitted to the Council be taken into consideration at once.'

" As explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons, this Bill is introduced in pursuance of Article 206 of the Constitution to provide for the withdrawal from the Consolidated Fund of the State, of the moneys required to meet—

(*a*) the grants made in advance by the Legislative Assembly in respect of the estimated expenditure of the State Government for a part of the year 1952–53, and

(*b*) the expenditure charged on the said Fund for the same part of that year."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Motion moved—

' That the Madras Consolidated Fund (Withdrawal of Moneys) Bill, 1952 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1952), as passed by the Legislative Assembly and transmitted to the Council be taken into consideration at once.' "

SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I did not want to make any speech on this Consolidated Fund (Withdrawal of Moneys) Bill, but I could not resist the temptation of taking this opportunity to speak about a reply which the Hon. Minister for Food gave in the Assembly a couple of days ago, that on an examination of the question the Government decided not to try the levy system of procurement in Malabar district. Sir, I thought I would not get an opportunity to speak about this subject, but as the Bill authorises the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund of the State for the service of a part of the financial year, this matter of procurement also comes under that. I am very sorry that that answer was given. Apart from what I feel about the question of the levy system of procurement, the whole district of Malabar, for the last one year, is excited over the question of introduction of the levy system of procurement. The leading newspapers of the district have been gathering opinions from individuals, associations and also legislators as to whether the levy system of procurement should be introduced in Malabar or not, and there has not been a single opinion against it. About three